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No deal yet for convention centre

O Signing deadline on the \$159M project is Jan. 14 ○ Province, municipality are asked to kick in \$57M each



For three hours in secret, Halifax regional councillors debated their next move in negotiations with the province on the proposed convention centre yesterday.

"We continue to negotiate with the province to try to bring forward a completion of the negotiations," said Mayor Peter Kelly.

Kelly said little else, as the details of the negotiations are being kept private.

Council voted 22-2 in favour of the project earlier this month, but they decided

their response to the province in a closed-door meeting.

"When we deal with the HRM, when we deal with the mayor of the municipality, we want to be fair," said Bill Estabrooks, minister of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal, yesterday. "We want to make sure he and the councillors are comfortable

with what they've received. It can be achieved and it's going to be achieved." Estabrooks said he is confident there will be a decision by deadline.

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"We've had the co-operation and we're going to continue to have it and we're going to get a decision," he said.

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Fall fashion statement meets its end

Pat Burns

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Auto insurance law to go in for checkup

Comprehensive review to follow legislative and regulatory changes to 'minor' car injuries last spring



The provincial government announced a large-scale review of Nova Scotia's automotive insurance system yesterday.

The review, which will be led by former finance deputy minister Ron L'Esperance, is meant to ensure drivers in the province have access to appropriate coverage for fair, affordable premiums.

Finance Minister Graham Steele, who is responsible for the Insurance Act, said the impetus behind the review is the act's age, not any specific problems.

"It's been literally decades since the (Automotive Insurance Act) was looked at," said Steele.

"There are some things that are clearly out of date.

NDP legacy

► The review follows legislative and regulatory changes to the industry last spring, when the NDP raised the cap on "minor" car accident injuries from \$2.500 to \$7.500.

... It's time to look at it again. And if everything is OK, then we'll leave it alone."

The exact scope of the review has yet to be decided, pending a study of the industry and consultations with the public. But Steele said the review would look at the entire automotive insurance industry in the province.

"Everything is on the table as long as it meets the test of fairness, affordability and stability. Really we'll look at anything."



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HRM staffers redraw lines of electoral districts

Reshaping the 23 districts of HRM is a tough job.

Yesterday staff presented their ideas on how to shift the boundaries of the districts so that the electorate is more evenly distributed.

The proposal will be sent to the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board, which has the final say on what the districts will look like and how many councillors are needed to run the municipality.

"Spryfield is a very defined community, and this is going right down the middle of it," said Coun. Steve Adams. "It's not fair to start incrementally moving a community away."

Coun. Russell Walker pointed out a number of the new districts are over or under ideal variance of 10 "My residents didn't know they were moving to the peninsula."

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per cent.

Cathy Mellett, municipal clerk, said they had to leave some communities together, like Beaver Bank for example, and that skewed the numbers a little.

The people of Cherry Brook won't be happy with this proposal, pointed out Coun. Gloria McCluskey. That community fought to be a part of Cole Harbour, but this proposal draws them out of Cole Harbour and back into Dartmouth.

Cole Harbour Coun. Lorelei Nicoll said she agrees with this move because otherwise a large part of Cole Harbour would be "lopped off."

But she said the people of Cherry Brook feel they've been "kicked around" and will fight this at the UARB hearing.

Council must submit their proposal for district changes to the UARB by Dec. 31. • JENNIFER TAPLIN



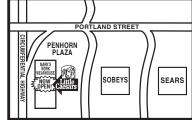






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Nobody hurt when car mounts curb

Halifax Regional Police say the accident involved an elderly female driver and took place after the brakes went in the car, resulting in the vehicle going across an intersection and into the walking path. No one was injured.

New rules for organ donors

Organ donors to be assessed prior to approaching family Common-law partners recognized as substitute decision makers under new legislation

The province introduced legislation yesterday aimed at strengthening the wishes of organ donors' upon their death.

The Human Organ and Tissue Donation Act, tabled yesterday on behalf of Health Minister Maureen MacDonald, would increase the amount of information given to Nova Scotians considering organ donation.

The hope is that, by providing all relevant details, there will be no ambiguity as to what a donor is signing up for.

"The new law strength-

ens the indication on the health card that, by indicating you're a donor, that wish should be respected; that the autonomy of that individual making that decision should be respected," said Dean Hirtle, director of legislative policy with the Department of Health.

In April, MacDonald revealed that even though an individual signs a donor card indicating its wishes, health officials have been asking family for consent after the individual's death. In some cases, officials did

The number of Nova Scotians currently on a waiting list for an organ transplant. Last year, there were only 15 organ donors in

not broach the subject, for fear of further upsetting a family already in distress.

Nova Scotia

"Right now the legislation prohibits the overriding of a person's wish by family, yet we do that all the time if family really object," MacDonald said back in April.

But the new law would go a step further than simply respecting registered donors' wishes.

All candidates deemed medically suitable for donation, whether or not they signed up for donation, will be referred for an assessment by doctors.

Following a positive referral, doctors would then discuss the possibility of donation with the family and decision makers.

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MACLEAN'S MAGAZINE

Crosby named top newsmaker

Maclean's magazine has chosen Cole Harbour's Sidney Crosby as its newsmaker

of the year.
Maclean's
says the 23-yearold forward with
the Pittsburgh
Penguins was
chosen for his
gold medal-winning goal against
the U.S. at the
2010 Vancouver

Winter Olympic Games. The national

nagazine says Crosby's overtime goal was on a "higher plane" than the wars, natural disasters and political upheavals of 2010.

Maclean's says the goal united Canadians

and dwarfed Crosby's other achievements, which include a Stanley Cup and a host of personal awards.

Crosby leads all players in voting for the NHL all-star game to be played Jan. 30. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Picnicface inks TV deal

Halifax comedy darlings Picnicface have inked at 13-episode deal with The Comedy Network

Comedy Network.

The half-hour sketch comedy series produced by Kids in the Hall alumnus Mark MacKinney will begin shooting in Halifax this spring.

"Irreverent and incredibly hilarious, we're preparing to unleash the international Haligonian Internet phenomenon, Picnicface, on our viewers," said Millan Curry-Sharples, Comedy Network vice-president, in a release.

The eight-person sketch troupe, which has been performing in Halifax for

Funny eight

Picnicface is comprised of Evany Rosen, Kyle Dooley, Cheryl Hann, Mark Little, Brian MacQuarrie, Andrew Bush, Scott Vrooman and Bill Wood.

four years, has been called "distressingly good" by Dave Foley, another Kids in the Hall alum.

Picnicface garnered international attention — not to mention 21-million YouTube hits and the approval of Will Ferrell — with their short "Powerthirst."

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Park vandals wanted

Parks Canada is asking for the public's help after vandals struck the popular Kejimkujik national park two weeks ago.

On Nov. 14 or 15, Parks Canada says a group of people vandalized a picnic shelter area. As well, Parks Canada says a porcupine was illegally hunted and killed. • METRO

Hanukkah starts tonight

Grand Parade Square will be home to the lighting of the first candle for the Menorah tonight as HRM celebrates the start of Hanukkah. Mayor Peter Kelly will

Mayor Peter Kelly will be on hand for the 6 p.m. event, along with members of Halifax regional council.

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Deputy sheriff to go on trial

A deputy sheriff accused of trying to smuggle drugs into the Central Nova Correctional Facility in Burnside is going to trial.

Defence lawyer Pat Atherton confirmed his client Tyrone David consented to be committed to stand trial this week as a preliminary hearing into his case was still ongoing.

his case was still ongoing.
David will appear in court Jan. 13 at Supreme Court in Halifax to set a date for trial. David, 41, was

a provincial deputy sheriff in October 2009 when he was arrested after an alleged drug transaction. He's facing 20 charges in total, including trafficking and bribery of an officer.

PHILIP CROUCHER

News in brief

Urban farm open house

QEII SITE. Capital Health will be holding an open house tonight to share results of a recent public meeting exploring the

idea of an urban farm on the land of the former Queen Elizabeth High School. The meeting runs from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Royal Bank Theatre at the Halifax Infirmary site of the QEII Health Sciences Centre. Demolition of the school building, which has sat vacant since 2007, is scheduled to begin in December.

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NDP seeking tighter rules for lobbyists

◆ Those paid to encourage public to contact MLAs would have to register, disclose publicly ◆ Proposed lobbying changes would ban performance-based fees

The NDP proposed legislation yesterday which would require "grassroots communicators" to register as lobbyists.

If accepted, the amendments to the lobbying act announced yesterday by Service Nova Scotia Minister Ramona Jennex would require individuals, groups or companies who encourage the public to communicate directly with public office holders would have to register with the province.

In other words, if a company was paid to encourage the public to write or call MLAs on an issue, that



company would have to disclose that publicly and register with the province.

"The idea is to make (the efforts of those groups) more open and transparent," said Hayley Clarke, the province's registrar of

lobbyists

Clarke could not point to a specific example of "grassroots communications" in Nova Scotia, but she said it's becoming a problem in North America.

"We've all seen media campaigns generally saying 'write your MLA,' 'contact your government about this issue.'" She said. "And sometimes ... it's done to targeted special interest groups, so the public may not be aware of it."

The amendments would only target individuals or organizations that are paid to lobby, not private citizens. • ALEX BOUTILIER



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Auto shop fire investigated

The fire was quickly controlled, and a 40-year-old man was checked for smoke inhalation. The cause of the blaze was being investigated yesterday.

Ottawa floats \$51M in cash for ferries

Ottawa is proposing millions of dollars in help to three ferry services in the Maritimes.

Rodney Weston, Conservative MP for Saint John, said yesterday the federal government is offering \$51 million over three years to ferries operating in the three provinces.

The services involve routes between Digby, N.S., and Saint John, N.B.; Wood Islands, P.E.I., and Caribou, N.S.; and between P.E.I. and Iles-de-la-Madeleine.

Weston said the \$51

Above water

Weston said the three-year funding deal would keep the ferries afloat until at least March 2014.

million is in addition to \$32 million already earmarked in the 2010 budget for the three services.

He said the federal government is in talks with the three provinces about their contributions, and that "we anticipate this ferry service will continue." THE CANADIAN PRESS

MI'KMAQ PAY REVIEW

Call wasn't appropriate, says Smith

A Nova Scotia aboriginal who called for a review into the salaries of the chief and councillors of a tiny Mi'kmaq community says the leader acted improperly by telephoning his employer to complain about him

Shirley Clarke, the chief of Glooscap First Nation, phoned an official at the National Centre for First Nations Governance, a non-profit agency that employs Brian Smith as the director of operations.

Smith said the call occurred after he started working on a petition calling for a review of Clarke's pay and the salaries of other councillors on the reserve near Hantsport, N.S.

"I don't think it's appropriate," he said. "I find it ironic that the chief of a community that's been highlighted in this public release of salaries is contacting the national governance centre." THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Ex-CSIS boss under fire from opposition MPs

• Comments by Jim Judd were revealed by WikiLeaks He should uphold law, say Liberals and NDP





coloured glasses. "It's inappropriate," said NDP public safety critic Don Davies, who called remarks by former Canadian Security Intelligence Serv-

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ice director Jim Judd demeaning and offensive. Putting aside rights and freedoms in the name of

fighting terrorism is dangerous, said Liberal public safety critic Mark Holland.

The MPs criticized July 2008 comments made by then-CSIS director Judd in confidential Ottawa meeting with a senior U.S. official. He said judges had tied CSIS "in knots," making it ever more difficult to detect and prevent terror attacks in Canada and abroad.

The cable was obtained by whistleblower Wik-iLeaks and posted online Monday by the New York

WikiLeaks says there will be as many as 2,648 documents mentioning Canada. THE CANADIAN PRESS

The latest

The State Department has disconnected access to its files from the U.S. government's classified computer network.

- Julian Assange Interpol has placed the WikiLeaks founder on its most-wanted list after Sweden issued an arrest warrant over a drawn-out rape investigation.
- Benjamin Netanyahu WikiLeaks says a 2009 memo shows the Israeli prime minister was willing to cede West Bank land and territory in Israel itself for peace with Palestine.



Speaking up about AIDS

More than 80 iconic landmarks across 13 countries are turning red to help promote awareness of the fight against the AIDS epidemic on World AIDS Day.

Gunman dies after school standoff

A 15-year-old who held about two dozen students and a teacher hostage for several hours in a classroom at a Wisconsin high school died yesterday at a hospital from a self-inflicted gunshot wound, authorities said. Sophomore Samuel

Hengel shot himself after police stormed a classroom at Marinette High School on Monday night. Hengel had been holding most of the students and their social studies teacher hostage for several hours. No one else was wounded.

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Police said the suspect fired three shots immediately before they entered the room, but did not aim

at any students.

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Can two Koreas meet?

A top South Korean official dismisses China's nuclear negotiator as "incompetent." A Chinese envoy mocks North Korea as a "spoiled child."

After a major escalation of sporadic skirmishes between the rival Koreas, an international effort is trying to rein in rising tensions. But U.S. diplomatic memos leaked this week call into question whether regional powers — most notably China — have any insight into or influence over enigmatic and defiant North Korea

South Korea's military drill last week from an island along a disputed maritime border sparked a North Korean artillery attack that killed four South



Koreans and wounded 18 others.

China is pressing for an emergency meeting in the coming days to discuss the attack and ways to defuse tensions, saying the session should be convened

by the two Koreas, China, Russia, Japan and the U.S.

Consensus may be hard to reach, if secret U.S. diplomatic cables posted online by the website WikiLeaks are any indication. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Grandma charged after toddler dies

Virginia grandmother threw her two-year-old granddaughter several stories to her death from a walkway at a shopping mall, police alleged yester-

Carmela Dela Rosa, 50, of Fairfax was arrested and charged with murder.

The child, Angelyn Ogdoc, died in a hospital after plunging to the pavement Monday night. She fell from a walkway linking the mall's third floor to the parking garage's sixth floor. The toddler and Dela Rosa were leaving the mall with family. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

James to make bid for bail

Disgraced former junior hockey coach Graham James is expected to ask to be released from custody today. The Crown will oppose his bid.

James is facing nine sexrelated charges involving three boys.

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Burns' cousin makes appeal for items' return

○ Stolen goods include 30 jerseys signed by NHL players, iPad, and suitcases of hockey coach's clothes

Pat Burns had barely been laid to rest when thieves smashed into his car and stole some of his family's most cherished possessions.

The hockey coach's widow discovered items including signed hockey jerseys from every NHL team, family photos, and a designer men's watch were missing from the ransacked car.

Even bedsheets from a hospital's palliativecare unit were missing in the theft, committed just hours after Burns' funeral on Monday. He died Nov. 19 after a long battle with cancer.

Burns' cousin Robin,



who delivered a eulogy at the funeral, called the crime "deplorable."

Robin Burns said the

late coach's wife had already had a tough day "then to have personal effects taken out of your car when you're at the post-funeral reception is absolutely deplorable."

He pleaded with the thieves, if they have "any type of conscience," to drop the items off with a TV or radio station or with anyone who knows Burns — and no questions will be asked.

Burns was an awardwinning coach who served behind the bench for the Montreal Canadiens, Toronto Maple Leafs, Boston Bruins and New Jersey Devils.

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Debt rising but at slower pace: Report

• Auto loans number 1 source of personal debt after mortgages

Canadians continue to rack up more debt, but the speed at which they are piling it on is beginning to slow, the TransUnion credit agency reported Tuesday.

The average debt for about 24.8 million Canadians tracked by the report, which excludes mortgages, rose to \$25,163 — up 4.3 per cent in the third quarter compared with a year ago.

However, despite the in-

crease in the amount of debt, TransUnion said Canadians seem to be managing their debts better than they were, with delinquency rates and past-due balances dropping across the country.

The national credit card delinquency rate was down nearly 10 per cent in the third quarter of this year compared with a year ago when the Canadian economy was just beginning to recover from a manual control of the co

ior recession.

"There continue to be positive signs in the credit market as Canadians slowly manage out of the recession," said Thomas Higgins, TransUnion's vicepresident of analytics.

Bank of Canada governor Mark Carney has voiced concerns, however, about the ability of borrowers to meet their payments once interest rates begin rising again.

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Debt sources

Canadian average credit card debt increased to \$3,709 from the previous quarter's \$3,614, but fell 1.7 per cent compared with a year ago.

Average auto loan debt increased to \$16,183 from the previous quarter's \$15,135, and up 9.8 per cent from a year ago.



Kardashian Kard cancelled

The Kardashian sisters are seeking to cut ties with a venture that sold prepaid debit cards under their name after coming under attack for the card's high fees. The controversial prepaid debit card promoted by the celebrity socialite sisters was taken off the market yesterday.

European watchdog sniffing out Google

The European Union's competition watchdog will investigate whether Google Inc. has abused its dominant position in the online search market — the first major probe into

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the online giant's business practices.

The formal investigation announced yesterday follows complaints from rival search engines that Google put them at a disadvantage in both its regular and sponsored search results, by listing links to their sites below references to its own services in an attempt to shut them out of the market.

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Google searched

The investigation does not yet imply any wrongdoing by Google.

 The anti-trust watchdog will be launching an indepth examination into any wrongdoing, however.

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LEAKS ONLY A LITTLE DRIP OF NEW NEWS



Monday was supposed to be a day of Earth-shattering revelations after WikiLeaks released 250,000 diplomatic cables, most of them notso-diplomatic observations of U.S. diplomats around the world.

m not sure what I was waiting for, but so far, in the immortal words of Yogi Berra, it's déjà vu all over again.

Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin is an "alpha dog" and his hand-picked President Dimitri Medvedev "plays Robin to Putin's Batman." As if we didn't know who was really in charge all along, and as if Putin really cares who knows

There's Robert Mugabe, the nasty old president of Zimbabwe. Turns out he thinks his 18 doctorates give him licence to suspend the laws of economics, in particular supply and demand. We've been watching Zimbabwe unravel for years under Mugabe's diktats. What I really want to know

is how many of his doctorates came off the back of a book of matches.

Then there's German Chancellor Angela Merkel, who is risk-averse and rarely creative,' which is diplomatic language for "boring." Oh, really? Old news.

If you're looking for exciting, you ȟave to go to Ítalian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi, a renowned scalliwag, Diplomats report that he likes to host "bunga bunga" parties, whatever they are. Anything called "bunga bunga" is not boring. But we already know Berlusconi is anything but boring. Corrupt and creepy maybe, but never boring.

Speaking of corrupt and creepy, we have Ahmed Wali

"If you're looking

for exciting, you

have to go to

Italian Prime

Minister Silvio

Berlusconi ...'

Karzai, brother of Afghan President Hamid Karzai, and Libya's Moammar Gadhafi, in that order. Karzai. Afghanistan's foremost fixer, is painted as "widely understood to be corrupt and a nar-

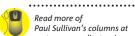
cotics trafficker," but the go-to guy when you want to get something done in Absurdistan. As for Gadhafi, he never goes anywhere without his "voluntuous" Ukrainian nurse. Any of this surprise

My favourite? French President

Nicolas Sarkozy is "an emperor with no clothes." Aren't they all?

In leak after leak, suspicions are confirmed, worst fears realized, faith in human nature disappointed. But what's missing, with one notable exception, is any reason for optimism. That one exception? China has come to realize that its long-term ally, Kim Jong Il of North Korea, acts like a spoiled child. We already knew that anyone who spends more than half a million bucks a year on cognac while the average North Korean makes \$1,000 a year is spoiled, to say the least. Now China finally gets it.

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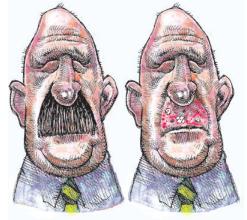


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Pour your pooch a pint

WHAT FOLLOWS MOVEMBER?



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Worth mentioning

They say dogs are man's best friend. Now that friend can share a cold one with you. At least four companies worldwide sell specially designed non-alcoholic, beef-flavoured and non-carbonated beer for your canine companion.

Kwispelbier is a beer for dogs created by Arjan Berendsen, a pet shop owner in the Dutch town of Zelhem. The company even sells matching beer glasses, allowing dogs to drink their brew in style. The beer is sold in Belgium, Norway, England and Germany.

Down Under, Australian pet boutique Paws Point even created a cheeky



YouTube video advertising its Dog Beer.

"Dogs love human beer but it is really unhealthy for them so after a lot of research we developed (Dog Beer), which is safe for them to drink," it says on its website.

Stateside, Napa Valley based Dog Star Brewing Company sells Happy Tail Ale brewed in copper kettles and made with malted barley and beef drippings. Its beer is fortified with glucosamine and vitamin E to promote healthy joints and a shiny coat. The company no longer brews the beer, leaving WeFulfillIt.com, an online distribution company, to sell Dog Star's remaining inventory.

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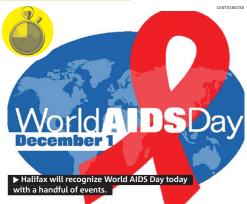
There are several events taking place across the province today to recognize World AIDS Day, including a handful in Halifax this evening.

There will be a free cabaret style event from 4 to 6:30 p.m. at the Italian Cultural Centre at 2629 Agricola St. for World AIDS

The event will include

speeches and musical performances from the likes of Faith Nolan, Constantly Misjudged, El Jones and IzReal

Also tonight, a candlelight vigil honouring those who have lost their lives to HIV-AIDS will take place at the Olympic Community Centre at 2304 Hunter St. beginning at 7:30 p.m.



◆ The youngest of the Pevensie clan enters her teen years in the third installment in The Chronicles of Narnia franchise ◆ Actress Georgie Henley relished the challenge to show different sides to Lucy, a role the 15-year-old has been playing since she was seven



Growing up in Lewis' Narnia



The third big-screen adaptation of C.S. Lewis' classic The Chronicles of Narnia will hit theatres soon and no one could be more excited than the franchise's star, Georgie Henley.

"I love the Voyage of the Dawn Treader," said the 15-year-old actress (who plays Lucy Pevensie) of her favourite book in the Narnia series. "I love the idea of hopping from one island to another and kind of experiencing new things. I think it's exciting, very dynamic — it makes a really good film."

Lucy Pevensie has come a long way since she discovered the fantastical world of Narnia in 2005's The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe. Cast at age seven, Henley now plays a

more complex teenager that returns to Narnia on a desperate mission aboard King Caspian's regal schooner, the Dawn Treader.

"(Voyage) shows that Lucy is absolutely human, which is probably good," said Henley. "When you become a teenager, people see a different side to your nature and see maybe a slightly darker side to you, a side you don't want people looking at — I think we see that in Lucy slightly. It was my job to make sure plenty of teenaged girls could relate to the issues that she's going through."

Admittedly nervous about returning to the world of Narnia for a third time, Henley was soon relieved and comforted to be around the familiarity of the cast and crew — not to mention the incredibly

imaginative creatures that make up C.S. Lewis' masterwork.

"The animation on Reepicheep (a swashbuckling mouse voiced by Simon Pegg) in this film is just terrific," said Henley when asked of her favourite character. "He's so cute and funny but still got that bravery kind of element about him — people have got a lot to look forward to."



News in brief



James Franco's survival story 127 Hours, Natalie Portman's ballet drama Black Swan and Ben Stiller's dark romance Greenberg are among best-picture nominees for the Spirit Awards honouring independent film.

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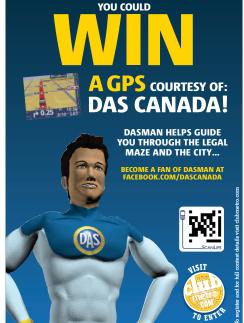


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Diaz should drop A-Rod, expert says

Actress and Yankees slugger reportedly back together Athlete's history not a good indicator

While Cameron Diaz and Alex Rodriguez have reportedly rekindled their romance, sources claim the relationship can't last, given the Yankee slugger's

"A-Řod is just like Tiger (Woods), Tony Parker and all those athletes who have women in abundance and they can't resist sampling all the goods," relationship expert Cooper Lawrence tells Us Weekly. "When you date A-Rod, you have to know what you are getting into or else you're an idiot. He isn't long-term material, he is arm candy for holiday parties."

Rodriguez was married from 2002 to 2008 but his wife filed for divorce after media reports of his infidelity surfaced. METRO



Celebrity tweets



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and practical joke stores today. Bought so many funny pranks. I'm a total kid at



Kylie Minogue [Akylie minogue] Relax

peeps, EVERYONE has to mime at the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade!!



John Cho [A]John TheCho] Apparently David

Sedaris now writes only about animals. What did



Mindy Kaling [@mindy kaling] When celebs aet

pestered by paparazzi why don't they just start singing "Hey Jude" or some incredibly expensive song to clear?

Aguilera spends holiday with Rutler

Though Christina Aguil- old son, who was back in era's people insist she's not with Matt Rutler, the singer did see Rutler's family in Rhode Isover Thanksgiving holiday, according to People magazine.

This is the first Thanksgiving she was without Max," a source says of Aguilera's 2-year-

L.A. with her soon-

to-be ex-husband, Jordan Bratman. "It was really hard for her and she was feeling sad, so she decided to go to the East Coast with Matt and a group of friends.

Since his family lives so close, they decided to drop in for a few hours." • METRO

Lovato speaks to her fans

After almost a month in a treatment facility to deal with unspecified psychological and emotional issues, Disney star Demi Lovato recently broke her silence with a video message to her fans for Thanksgiving.

'Just wanted to say Happy Thanksgiving. I'm very, very thankful for all of you and I appreciate all the support you guys give me," she says in the incredibly



brief video, which was likely filmed at the rehab facility where she's currently undergoing treatment. • metro

▶ It won't be cheap to attend the royal wedding — airfares for the period are already rising — but those who plan to go say it will be a once-in-a lifetime event





Better make those royal wedding plans soon

Pack the top hat and tails, wedding bells are set to ring next spring for Prince William and Kate Middleton, and monarchists are hoping it won't cost a princely sum to get to the nuptials.

Daniel Whaley with the Monarchist League of Canada says he'd like to be in London for the wedding April 29.

"In '81, it was Charles and Diana and everyone can remember usually where they were when they watched that on TV. You kind of want to be a

"I want to be there because this is sort of our generation's big royal wedding ... I just think it'd be a really fun time and it would just be a big party."

DANIEL WHALEY, THE MONARCHIST LEAGUE

part of that," Whaley, 19, said in a phone interview from Winnings

from Winnipeg.
"I think it'd be a really special event that I'd probably remember for the rest of my life."

Now that the date has been set, tour operators are trying to figure out ways to get people like Whaley and other Canadians to jump the pond to London.

Claude-Jean Harel, founder and manager of Great Excursions in Regina, said many Canadians have an affinity for the monarchy and want to celebrate that aspect of history. He's trying to put together a tour package just right for the occasion.

"We're just exploring to see if there's enough interest in people who live here to go to London and try to take part in ... some of the pomp, the ceremony, some of the opportunities and the flavour and the atmosphere that will be around London during that time on April 29," said Harel.

"Royal weddings are a rare occasion. They're something that people pay attention to so there will be an interest."

Access to Westminster Abbey — the wedding venue — will be restricted. But Harel says a tour could include visits to English churches that were "dear to the monarchy."

VisitBritain, the national tourism agency, has also put together a "romance trail" so visitors don't have to wait until April to follow in William and Kate's footsteps. The itinerary suggests visits to Scotland, where William and Kate met while studying at St. Andrews University in Fife, or to Anglesey, North Wales, where the couple will live. THE CANADIAN PRESS



A bright idea



A Jewish outreach organization is hosting a variety of public menorah lightings for Hanukkah in more than 70 countries around the world, including Canada.

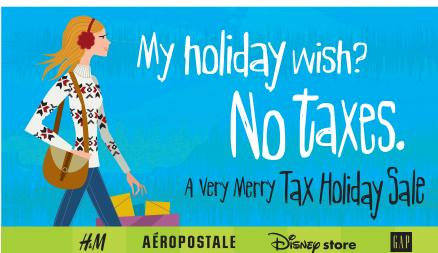
Events, including a balloon-menorah display in Maple, Ont., are being sponsored by the Chabad-Lubavitch organization.

For details on these and other events, visit chabad.org/Hanukk ahEvents.

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The chance to blend business with a bit of advenis drawing record numbers of convention goers to St. John's, N.L., where even the most buttoned-down crowd can have some fun.

The seaside city boasts a wonderful array of topnotch restaurants, a rocking nightlife and has some the friendliest cabbies on the planet.

So it's perhaps little wonder that the capital of

The Rock, population 100,000, is bucking nation-The al tourism trends

Its visitor statistics are on the upswing and the number of corporations choosing to host major gatherings has jumped in

the last five years. The Canadian Bar Association has held its national legal conference in St. John's twice since 1998 and will be back in 2014.

"The most well attended conferences of the CBA in the last 12 years have been in St. John's," said chief exofficer ecutive John Hoyles.

There was just a very special atmosphere ... guess the one word I would use is warmth."

Hoyles, who has never lived there, said many people long to visit this unique corner of Canada.

"People have always thought they'd love to go to St. John's but they need a reason to go. And having a convention does that.'

If you go

Make sure you check out the following:

- For more information, including where to stay, visit newfoundlandlabrador.co m/Default.aspx
- St. John's Convention Centre is an almost 1,500-sq. metre hall. It seats 1.100. It's also linked to Mile One Centre, a 6,000-seat arena. Call 709-758-1111 or visit sicc.ca

An Ipsos-Reid survey of association members asked them to rank their top five conference location preferences, he added. St. John's ranked second only to Vancouver. It was followed by Montreal, Halifax and Calgary.

Krista Cameron, director of sales and marketing for Destination St. John's, says St. John's isn't a well-kept secret anymore.

"The demand is higher for sure than ever before. I've been selling in this destination since 2004 and I've seen a great increase in demand.

That's documented by the number of hotel rooms booked per night. That number hit 570,190 for all of 2009 - an increase of just more than two per cent from the year before and up from 504,099 in 2006.

Cameron credits three things: the success of the province's award-winning tourism advertising campaign, a strong presence at travel trade shows and sales visits around the country, plus a meeting in 2005 of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities.

National Geographic's most recent Traveler edition just named the Avalon Peninsula — the scenic southeastern portion of Newfoundland - its toprated coastal destination.

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8 crazy nights of candle-lighting, prayers and latkes

The Jewish celebration of Hanukkah is earlier than usual and it's throwing some people off



Rabbi Mark Sobel, the spiritual leader of a Reformrooted synagogue Burbank, Calif., enjoys carols winter' Hanukkah and Christmas, but this year is different.

The Jewish faith's eight days of candle-lighting, prayers, latkes and dreidel fun begins today, before carollers get in the swing.

Hanukkah's on the early side along with other major Jewish observances this year. Some Jews are looking forward to a little distance between Hanukkah and the Christ-

mas madness.

It helps, they said, in staving off the perception that the Festival of Lights is a Christmas wannabe.

For Sobel, it won't change the way he celebrates, save a tinge of rethat non-Jewish neighbours and friends won't be in the holiday spirit.

"The feeling of total holiday season is not there," said Sobel.

Iewish holidays are on different Gregorian dates each year because they're

set by a lunar-based Hebrew calendar adjusted to ensure certain ones fall during certain seasons.

Wyckoff, N.J., mom Caryn Kasmanoff notes that Hanukkah is a very minor holiday, religiously speaking, in relation to other biblically mandated observances. It's not as important as Christmas is to Christians, but the comparisons can be harder on Jewish kids when the two holidays stand alone on the calendar.

"As Christmas gets closer and children in school get more excited, their 'party' is over," Kasmanoff said. "So as a parent, it's easier for the religions to share the festive feeling."

That can also be true for interfaith families who will be packing away their menorahs after Hanukkah only to start prepping for Christmas.

"The world doesn't stop for Hanukkah," said Jennifer Prost, who has kids ages 16 and 12 in Mont-clair, N.J. "When Hanukkah is closer to Christmas, the kids are off from school

and work schedules slow." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sizzling Hanukkah veggie corn fritters

Cookbook author and mother of four Susie Fishbein has a secret weapon to get kids interested in Hannukah: food.

Kids love to eat as much as they love to socialize, Fishbein, Hanukkah is very much about its symbolic foods and hospitality.

She suggests your teenagers involved in choosing and preparing traditional foods.

This might not only get them excited about the holiday, but also will create an opportunity to talk.

And she speaks from ex-perience. While developing recipes for her new cookbook, Kosher by De-sign: Teens and 20-somethings, Fishbein relied on her own teens and their friends to help test the recipes she was creating.

In the book, Fishbein offers fun recipes that serve up new choices for teens who favour fast food. One of those recipes is for veggie corn fritters.

Ingredients:

- 1 small zucchini, with skin, cut into 5-mm (1/4-inch)
- 250 ml (1 cup) broccoli flo-
- 250 ml (1 cup) cauliflower
- 1 large egg
- 250 ml (1 cup) milk or plain unsweetened soy milk • 15 ml (1 tbsp) canola oil
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) fine sea salt
- 500 ml (2 cups) dry cornbread mix
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) all-purpose
- •Canola oil, for frying
- Jarred marinara sauce, warmed, for dipping

Preparation:

- In a 500-ml (2-cup) measuring cup, place zucchini. Break broccoli and cauliflower into tiny florets.
- Add enough tiny broccoli and cauliflower florets to the zucchini to make 500 ml (2 cups).
- Transfer to a microwavesafe bowl. Add enough water to cover, then microwave on high until vegetables are soft, about four minutes Drain and set aside.
- In a medium bowl, whisk together egg, milk, 15 ml (1 tbsp) canola oil and salt. With a silicone spatula, stir in cornbread mix until a smooth batter forms.
- Sprinkle flour over drained cooked vegetables. Mix floured

using spatula to distribute them evenly. In a large skillet over medium, heat 1 cm (1/2

inch) canola oil until a

tiny amount of batter

dropped into the pan

sizzles. If it sizzles too

vigorously, reduce heat.

vegetables into batter,

- Add batter to oil 50 ml (1/4 cup) at a time. Use a metal spatula to gently flatten each fritter. Work in batches of three or four fritters at a time. Do not crowd the pan.
- Fry, turning once, until golden brown, 2 to 3 minutes per side. When flipping fritters, flip away from your body to prevent splattering yourself with hot oil.
- Drain on paper towels. Serve with warm marinara sauce. Makes 10

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Brain drain to bull's-eye

• We have all experienced moments where pitching an idea to a co-worker was like watching balloons pop

Experts say it's not your proposal, but your method of delivery that will make the difference





Pitched poorly, even a bright idea can vanish into dull stares, like light gravitating into a black hole.

If you feel all of your suggestions plummet into silent oblivion like timber crashing in an empty forest, then career counselors recommend you ought to brush up on your story-

Because, they say, the art

to hustling a routine recommendation — to make your two cents ring like five — is to pack a plot into your propositions.

"It's like selling detergent," executive coach Jane Cranston says. "Don't tell them, 'oh, this will clean your laundry.'

You tell them it will make their old clothes shine brighter, feel softer, bring the colors out.'

Pushing a proposal with the pizzazz of a wandering bard requires a gift of gab you may never learn in an MBA program, she says. But it's a technique any

rube can master. Start by fathoming what

motivates your audience. Ask yourself, "What's in it for them?" Cranston of-

"Present your ideas in a way that will either save the company money, make it money, buy it time, save it time, or earn it prestige," she advises.

"If it doesn't do any of those things, they're probably not going to listen."

Don't be shy to spread credit if it boosts your chances, suggests career coach Lynn Berger.

If your company prefers propositions that emanate from more highly-titled or highly-favored pundits than yourself, you can always hitch your idea to the

chassis of another's.
"Try piggy-backing on someone else's idea," she

says.
"When someone raises a point, say, 'ooh, that's interesting,' and work your idea into theirs.

Failing that, come into the brainstorm session with a bucket of good

"Rather than being rigid on one idea, bring up a couple of options," Berger recommends. "That way, you're not feeling like you have to have the perfect answer."

However you sell your suggestion, "start with the positive," Cranston stress-

Qualifiers like "I'm not sure if you're going to like this, but" will never help vou, she explains.

Keep Positive.

"The wrong way to present an idea is any form of aggression," Cranston warns.

If all your tips hit a cool reception, you'd best stage an equally cool reaction.

"Occasionally, you have to let it slide," Berger notes. "You can't get worked up every time your ideas aren't heard'



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BLUNDER RESIGNATION AND PAY



hen Parmjit Gill left the Concord, Ont., offices of A&D Precision Ltd. after a confrontational meeting with his boss, he did not think it was because he had just resigned, but rather, he assumed he had been fired.

The court decided otherwise.

Gill often complained about his job as a machinist, disagreeing with criticism about his work and griping about his pay. Weeks before his departure, Gill even mentioned to a manager that he might not be around much longer, although he was not always taken seriously because of his past complaints.

When a problem with Gill's work on a critical project arose, he was quickly confronted by the president, Tony Derbedrosian, and questioned about how he was

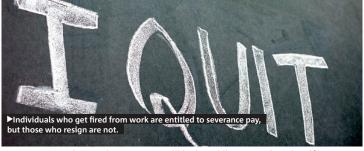
doing his job. When Gill suggested to Derbedrosian that he did not like his work, the latter responded by stating, "No, I do not like it when there are mistakes.

Believing he had just been fired, Gill left his machine and went home, never to return.

At a recent trial, Gill attempted to prove that he had indeed been fired, in which case he would be entitled to severance.

However, in deciding the case in A&D's favour, the judge noted that a su-pervisor who overheard Gill's confrontation encouraged him to reconsider leaving but Gill refused

Later, when Gill called the company to arrange to pick up his tools, he did



not express any interest in returning to the job because, according to the judge, "he had no interest in returning."

Canadian courts consistently reject assertions that employees have resigned unless it is clear that this was their true intention. Here, having left the workplace after an argument, Gill had an obligation to return to work or to contact the company to indicate his desire to return.

Otherwise, it was clear he had no intention of returning.

To avoid a similar outcome, here are some simple guidelines: Immediately protest a characterization that there has been

a resignation, if it wasn't the intended result.

If the situation is unclear, request that your options be outlined in writing and seek specialized advice before taking any action.

Resist leaving the workplace, as difficult as that may be, unless there is no other reasonable option.

Alone for the holidays?

▶ Instead of feeling sorry for yourself, consider these tips to get you through ▶ You might have more fun than you think

As you wave goodbye to roommates and their stuffed duffel bags, you can't help but feel a twinge of sadness as you realize you'll be all alone over the holidays, unable to get the time off work, or afford the flight home.

Consider these tips to get through the holidays:

Start a new project. If you ever wanted to learn to bake, knit, dance, draw, scrapbook, wrap a present properly, or fix a computer, borrow books from the library or use the Internet.

There are numerous how-to videos available online. Impress your friends and family by developing a new skill or showing off a finished product in the new year.

Throw a party. Visit the campus pub and befriend students who also weren't able to make it back home. Host a cultural potluck, having everyone bring a dish that represents their culture. You can decorate your dorm with streamers and a mini holiday tree. Misery loves company, and you may find comfort in having others to talk to.

Share with others. Act on the needs of your community and your world. Volunteer at your local soup kitchen or food bank to help those in your neigh-bourhood who don't have anywhere else to go. Also remember to think internationally and help children in need around the world through an organization like Christian

Children's Fund Canada. You can purchase :::BlackBerry valuable, but inexpensive gifts like a mosquito net to protect against malaria or a fruit tree to provide ishment for an entire familv.



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Sports news

O'Neil Gordon The former Brandon Bobcats all-Canadian guard was cut by the Halifax Rainmen yesterday. Gordon's departure leaves the Rainmen with 16

players at training camp. Four have

contracts.





Gerrad Grant

The 20-year-old Halifax Mooseheads forward will be a game-day decision when the Mooseheads visit the Shawinigan Cataractes tonight at 8 p.m. Luca Ciampini and Gabriel Desjardins, both out with suspected concussions.

New big man is centre of attention

Not expected to dominate, but Rainmen hope Awere can contribute



The rotating door to the Halifax Rainmen's centre position took another spin on Monday and Cyril Awere walked through.

The Rainmen, who have been unsuccessful in their bid to land an impact centre over the past three seasons, welcomed the muscle-bound seven-footer from Nigeria to training camp in their continued effort to assemble a championship-calibre starting five.

"If he can run and chew bubble gum, he's gonna help us," said Rainmen owner Andre Levingston. That wasn't the case

That wasn't the case with the previous seven-footers who suited up for the Rainmen: Shagari Alleyne, James Tyler and Tyronne McNeil saw just 191 minutes of floor time, com-

"I'm not gonna lie to you, his muscles come through his coat — his winter coat."

RAINMEN OWNER ANDRE
LEVINGSTON ON CYRIL AWERE

bined.

But Levingston received a recommendation on Awere from former Vermont Frost Heaves head coach Will Voigt, who now coaches the Bakersfield Jam of the NBA D-League.

"He's shown a great touch for his size ... Rebounding, blocking shots, but it's more about the potential you've got to be excited about," Voigt said. "I don't think I'd expect him to be dominating in his first (Premier Basketball League) game, but if they give him time, he could turn out to be a pretty good player."



From starter to spark plug?

The face of the Halifax Rainmen will likely find himself coming off the bench this season.

Eric Crookshank, a sixfoot-eight power forward who averaged 14.5 points and 13.0 rebounds per game in 2010, has agreed to take on a sixth-man role after starting 18 of 19 games last season.

Although owner Andre Levingston trumpeted Crookshank as Premier Basketball League MVP last March, he said yesterday he wants a player with more scoring punch in Crookshank's starting spot.

"For the success of our team, we need Crook to play a different role," Levingston said. "Crook can give us a lot of energy off the bench because he's not a great scorer. He can change the tempo of the

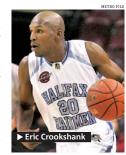
game off the bench with his legs alone and if he can relish in that position, then he really helps us."

Crookshank is the only member of the Rainmen who has been around since the franchise's opening day on Nov. 15, 2007. He has made 62 appearances with the club.

Levingston said the 31year-old from Oakland, Calif., took some time to think about whether he wanted to move on to another team but ultimately didn't want to leave Halifax

fax.

"He said, 'I accept that role and I will do anything you need from me to make the team better,'" Levingston said. "He wants to be here in the city, he loves it here, his family's here, and he should retire a Rainman."
MATTHEW WUEST





Changing of the guard in the NHL?

Six clubs that missed playoffs are on track to erase the disappointment

Several teams that were on the outside looking in during last season's NHL playoffs have made early strides to avoid the same disappointment this spring.

If the playoffs had started yesterday, Tampa Bay, Atlanta and the New York Rangers would be among the Eastern Conference participants while Dallas, Columbus and St. Louis would have qualified in the

The margin for error is as narrow as it's ever been. Three-point games have bunched teams together in the standings, but they've also made it tough for those chasing a playoff spot to pass teams in front of

"That's why it was so key for us to get a quick start this year," said Lightning forward Steven Stamkos. "In previous years, we were behind the 8-ball. It's so tough. You look at the Leafs the past couple years, you look at Carolina last year tough starts and then you really pour it on at the end and sometimes it's not

"It's a really tough hole

Every team has roughly 55 to 60 games remaining in the regular season, so players are less fixated on the standings now than

thev'll be in a month

or two

Canadian content

None of the NHL's resurgent teams play in a Canadian city. Calgary and Edmonton sat at the bottom of the Western Conference prior to yesterday's play while the Maple Leafs were 13th in the East. Even Ottawa, a playoff team last spring, was out of the post-season picture.

to climb out of"

But hope shouldn't be lost in every city that has seen its team get off to a mediocre start. Detroit was one of four squads a year ago that was on the outside of the playoff picture on Nov. 30 and still managed to qualify in the spring — and the Red Wings did it with room to spare.

San Jose and Los Angeles are prime candidates to follow a similar path this season after recently dipping out of the top eight in the Conference, Western where the top-11 teams were separated by just six points heading into yesterday's games.

The biggest surprises in the early going are Dallas and Columbus, which were ranked No. 2 and No. 4 respectively in the West yesterday morning. Both have received solid goaltending
— with Kari Lehtonen resurrecting his career in Dallas and the tandem of Mathieu Garon and Steve Mason carrying the load for the Blue Jackets.

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Sports in brief

Rockies hand giant deal to Tulowitzki

MLB. Troy Tulowitzki and the Rockies agreed vesterday to a new contract that pays an additional \$132 million US over seven seasons through 2020, a deal that means Colorado has guaranteed the allstar shortstop \$157.75 million in the next decade

Tulowitzki already had been guaranteed \$25.75 million through 2013 under the \$31-million, six-year contract he agreed to in January

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Big Ben on the limp

NFL. Steelers quarterback Ben Roeth-lisberger is wearing a protective boot on his sprained right foot, but is expected to play Sunday when Pittsburgh and Baltimore face off for first place in the AFC North.

Roethlisberger re-injured the foot during a 19-16 overtime victory in Buffalo last Sunday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Hossa out for 2-3 weeks

NHL. Chicago Blackhawks forward Marian Hossa will likely miss two to three weeks because of a lower-body injury, leaving the defending Stanley Cup champions without one of their top scorers.

Hossa was injured in a collision with teammate Nick Boynton during Monday's practice. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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By comparison

Mitsubishi i-MiEV

Base price: \$25,000 Electric sub-compact ideally suited for inner-city use arrives in late 2011.



Toyota Prius Base price: \$23,600

Base price: \$23,600 Popular fuelefficient gas-electric hybrid will offer plug-in version in 2011.



Nissan Leaf Base price: \$32,800 Electric-only model

Electric-only model will likely sell in mid-\$20,000 range after rehate



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• After years of hype the Volt is finally here, but will there be an electrical storm?



Chevy leads the electric revolution

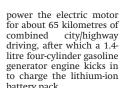


An automobile revolution is upon us and the Chevrolet Volt is literally leading the charge.

The Volt is one of the most talked-about and eagerly anticipated automobiles of all time since it will be the first truly practical electrical vehicle available for public consumption.

The production Volt is a far cry from the flashier 2007 concept version that toured the auto-show circuit. What has emerged is a fairly conservative compact-sized four-door with a steeply raked windshield, Malibu-inspired nose and a squared-off rear deck. The designers claim that the car looks the way it does so as to slice the air as cleanly as possible, aided by a set of low-rolling-resistance tires.

The Volt concept is simple. The onboard batteries



battery pack.
Total range is about 480 kilometres before either refueling the generator engine with premium-grade pump gas or recharging the 180-kilogram T-shaped battery pack that extends along the car's spine.

The generator itself is rated at 60 kilowatts, or the equivalent of 80 horsepower, while the electric motor

produces 111 kilowatts (150 horsepower) and 273 pound-feet of torque.

Since the Volt is electrically powered, there's no transmission per se, but it uses a single-speed controller to engage the drive wheels. However, the operator can select Normal, Sport or Mountain mode, with the latter providing power on steep grades.

Commuters who want to simply charge up the Volt each night for the next day's drive need no special gear; they can plug right into a standard 120-volt electrical outlet.

But where a typical gas fill-up might take 10 minutes, charging takes 10 hours. That time can be cut to three to four hours when using the optional 240-yolt charging station

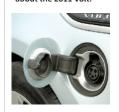
240-volt charging station. Although Volt sales won't likely begin in Canada until sometime in mid-2011, GM is planning to find homes for as many as 45,000 units in North America in the car's first year on the market.

There's also no official word on what the car will sell for in Canada, but since a base price of \$41,000 has been announced in the U.S., a best guess would be somewhere in the \$48,000 to \$50,000 range.

That's pretty pricey for most buyers, but some of that cost will be offset through significant fuel savings, not to mention the value attached to piloting the most electrifying vehicle on the road.

The Volt

What you should know about the 2011 Volt:



- Type: Four-door, frontwheel-drive compact hatchback sedan
- Engines (hp): 111-kilowatt electric drive (150)
- Transmissions: Singlespeed controller
- Market Position: The Volt is the first electric vehicle to be supported by a range-extending fourcylinder internal-combustion engine; it eliminates most of the negatives associated with electric cars
- Points: Compared to a traditional hybrid where the electric motor helps the gas engine, the job of the Volt's gas engine is to charge the batteries when they run low; extreme cold weather adversely affects battery performance; 240-volt charging station not included in price; eight-year/160,000-kilometre battery warranty is comforting
- Stats: MPG (city/hwy) 1.0 l/100 km (estimated); Base price (incl. dest.) \$49,000 (estimated, excluding government rebates)



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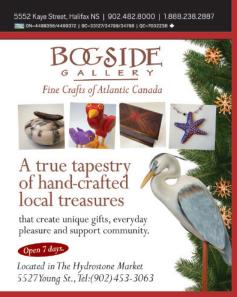


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- 14 Michigan, e.g.
- 15 Bartender's
- announcement
- 17 Largest of the seven
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- 19 Young cat
- 21 Payable 24 Piglet's mama
- 25 Jack's companion
- 28 Actress Moore
- 30 In need of repair
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- 34 Shoe fasteners
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Sudoku

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How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Today

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Hi melly, I just wanted to send you a big kiss and tell you I miss you. But just a little bit. xoxo your lil m&m!

Tom, you are my greatest gift, my love and my life. I am happy because of you. FOREVER AND COMPLETELY RUTH

Dear Mike: I know this is a little late, but happy 5 year anniversary! I love you and am so excited to spend the Christmas holiday with you LOVE NOW. ALWAYS AND FOREV-ER. ASHLEY

Calabacito: You know how much I love you hon. And now the world knows it too. I Love You Babe Your

Princess, I never realized what true love felt like till the day I met you. You're my soulmate, best friend, and hopefully one day soon, my life partner. You make my heart race everytime I see you. BB XOXOX

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Today's horoscope

T Aries March 21-April 20 You may have to do business with someone vou don't like today. Be nice because your prosperity depends on how well you can work together. Think of vour bank account balance.

▼ Taurus April 21-May Let others know what you think

even if it means provoking a backlash from people who would rather you did not point out their faults. Make it your business to stir things up.

II Gemini May 22-June 21

People are dragging their feet and holding you back. It's about time you did something about it. If they want to take their time, that's fine. But as far as you are concerned, they can do so on their own.

Gancer June 22-July 22 A

partnership issue has come to it quickly and cleanly. There is no point ignoring it and hoping that it will go away because it won't. Be decisive.

worry too much if you have fallen behind in your schedule because you will catch up towards the end of the week. For now, take life as it comes and work only when you feel to.

a fuss today. Let others know that you will not put up with second rate service. As a Virgo, you always give of your best and you have every right to demand that others do their

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MP Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 Make

are a lot of bad things going

Ω Leo July 23-Aug.23 Don't

best when dealing with you.

← Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 There

on in the world but it is still a fantastic place. Keep that in mind today. Don't let negative people spoil your mood. The world needs more smiles

For today's crossword answers and for

expanded horoscopes, go to metronews.ca

M Scorpio oct. 24-Nov. 22 You may not know why a so-called "expert" is lying to you, but vour sixth sense tells vou he or she is. When was the last time your sixth sense was wrong?

→ Sagittarius

Follow your instincts.

Nov. 23-Dec. 21 You can, at times, be impulsive. It's one of the things you are good at. But if you take an unnecessary risk today, it could end in tears. If an offer sounds too good to be true that means it is

り Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20

Today, you will see what has been hidden from view these past few weeks. Don't act on this new information immediately — that's what your rivals will be expecting.

~ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 If you let your anxieties get out of hand today, it won't do you good. The events of your life are part of a preordained design that unfolds over time, so trust that you'll always be safe.

H Pisces Feb. 19-March 20 A

friend needs your advice but you are not sure you want to get involved. Call it as you see it but suggest, gently, that he or she might also want to get some sort of professional help. SALLY BROMPTON



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Write a funny caption for the image to the right and send it to plav@metronews.ca the winning caption will be published in tomorrow's Metro





CORRECTION NOTICE

In the Feature titled:

'The Hydrostone for the Holidays', published on November 24th, Barbara Roberts of Bogside Gallery was incorrectly identified.

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